Himeyaka na Tousaku

Chapter 2

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Chapter 2 Frozen Memories

TAP
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..I DON'T FEEL LIKE WORKING AT ALL.
HA..
Lost in the warmth of being with Mikage again

The Mikage in my dreams seems like a different person
That
blush
That
STOP THINKING ABOUT IT
WHAT IS IT?
MI-MIKAGE!!
You were there?!
YES.
IT'S TIME FOR TEA. I CALLED YOU BUT YOU DIDN'T REPLY..
TODAY'S TEA IS FROM THE UK. IT'S ORANGE TEA.
I'll prepare it
J-JUST IN TIME, I WAS FEELING THIRSTY. THANKS.

HERE YOU ARE, MIYUKI-SAMA.
Thump
Mikage is...
Looking at him this way, he looks beautiful
AH... THANKS...
KYA...!
SPLASH

H-HOT!!
MIYUKI-SAMA?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT ONLY GOT SPILT ON MY CLOTHES.
THAT'S NOT ALL RIGHT!
EXCUSE ME.
N-...

PUSH
I-.. IT'S REALLY FINE!
MIYU-KI--SA-MA?!
I'LL BRING YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES
I'M SORRY, I'M GOING TO CHANGE MY CLOTHES MYSELF COULD YOU PLEASE LEAVE?
Y-YES
.....
Shut
Thump
Crumble
What's happening to me?
I had been fine with him seeing me naked up until now
WHAT DO I DO...?

MIKAGE
HEY,
WHERE'S MIKAGE? DID HE GO OUT?
I THINK HE'S COMING BACK SOON.
...? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?
IT SEEMS THE MASTER'S ATELIER IS GOING TO BE DEMOLISHED
SO THE THINGS IN THERE WILL BE TRANSFERRED. SO HE ASKED US TO CLEAN THE STOREROOM.
THESE ARE MIKAGE-SAMA'S INSTRUCTIONS. HE ASKED US TO SORT OUT THE STOREROOM ...
EH...
The place Mikage touched feels branded.
BUT MIKAGE IS FAMILY

...WHAT'S THAT?
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
B-BUT MI-KAGE-SAMA...
YES.
WE WERE TOLD THAT THIS WAS WHAT MIYUKI-SAMA WANTED.
I never said anything like that.
U-
LIM... SHOULD WE STOP?
...NO, I MUST'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT.
PLEASE CONTINUE.
YES!
.....

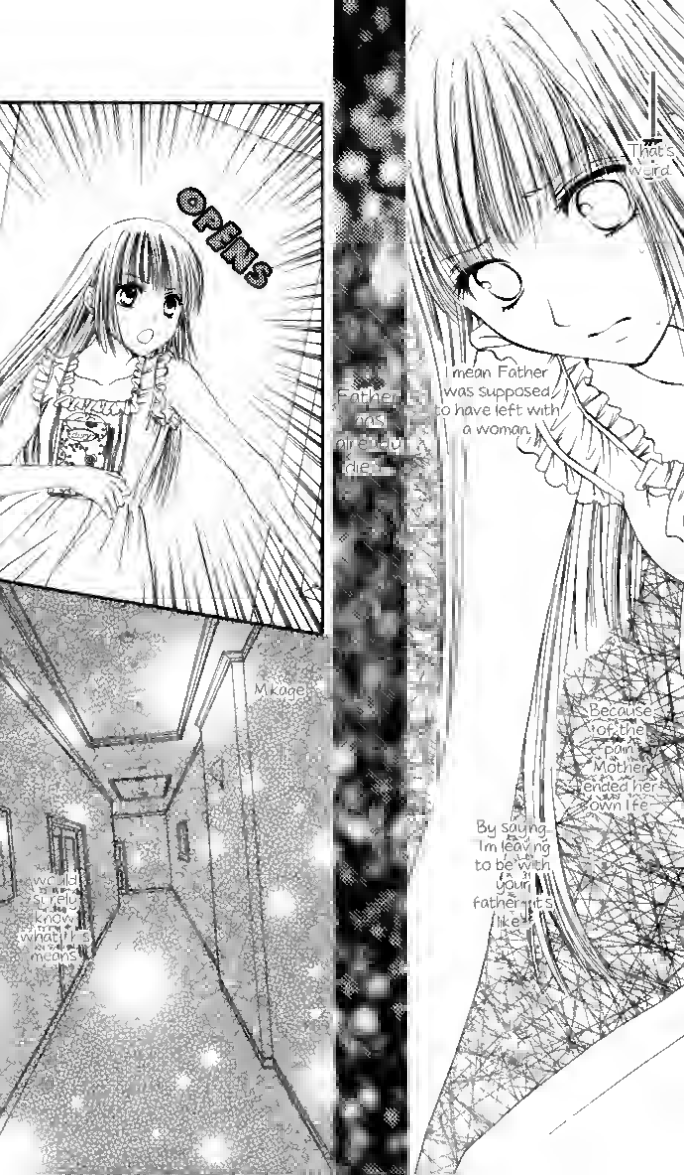
Mikage has never hidden anything from me
Why didn't he tell me about the letter...
MIYUKI-SAMA!
AH WHAT IS IT...?
WE'VE DISCOVERED SOME OF YOUR THINGS IN THE BACK
THIS...
IT'S MY MOTHER'S! SHE PLACED THIS HAND MIRROR IN A JEWELRY BOX...
SO THAT'S WHERE IT WAS. HOW NOSTALGIC!
OH, HOW WONDERFUL!!

MI-KAGE--SAMA!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
ARE YOU LETTING MIYUKI-SAMA HELP YOU WITH SUCH CHORES...
AH
A diary?
YOU GIRLS!!
...I'LL KEEP THOSE SAFE.
WASN'T THERE ANYTHING ELSE IN IT?
...NO.
I'M REALLY SORRY!
IT'S FINE, MI-KAGE
HERE, LOOK! THESE ARE MOTHER'S THINGS!

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR DINNER.
PLEASE PREPARE AND COME TO THE DINING ROOM
YES
grip
I lied to him
I'm sorry, Mikage.
I wanted to read Mother's diary no matter what.

"(M)ONTH X DAY O
(M)Y LONG-AWAITED
DAUGHTER IS BORN."
"(M)IYUKI WORE THE CLOTHES I MADE. SHE LOOKS LIKE A PRINCESS."
"EVERY D AY IS FILLED WITH HAPPINESS."
"WHEN I GESTURED (M)IYUKI OVER, SHE CAME TO MY SIDE."
PUFF!
"SHE'S LIKE AN ANGEL."
FLIP
I remember that Mother used to make me clothes
FLIP
Flip

"HOW SHOULD I SAY IT.
THE FEELINGS THAT HE HAS FOR MIYUKI GO BEYOND BEING FAMILY."


That's weird...
I mean Father was supposed to have left with a woman.
Father was already dead...
Because of the pain Mother ended her own life.
By saying I'm leaving to be with your father it's like
orins
Mikage's
would surely know what it means!!

Mikage would
Mikage
?
Oh
Mother's things are inside at
CREAK

<SFX: burn>
crackle
crackle
squeez
It's the first time
that I've seen that expression on Mr. kage's face
.....

RAINING FLOWERS
Why..?
I don't know what Mikage is thinking
And that Mikage who had such cold eyes? - are they really the same person ?!

"I CAN'T LET THAT MAN NEAR (M)I-YUKI."
Thump
UH...!
IT HURTS...!
GAN
GAN
GAN
It feels like my head is splitting...!
DRIP
DRIP
What?

Father's atelier
The scent of old wood
Mountains of dolls
It smells like rusted metal.
I can smell it.
That's...
FA...
FATHER

Mikage ...?
"I CAN'T LET HIM NEAR MIYUKI—."
This is not true.
NO...
No.
Stop it, Mikage.

Mikage——————!!
BLINK
rustle
.....
HM..
FLIP
FLIP.

I FOUND IT.
MIKAGE'S SECRET. ♡
Giggle Giggle
!

MIYUKI-SAMA!!
WHAT IS IT?
MIKAGE
AH, SO YOU KNOW
WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT THIS PLACE! GET DOWN FROM THERE!
...
YUKI
...

DON'T ORDER ME, MURDERER.
poke
OH NO, WHAT A SCARY FACE! ♡
Kyahaha
.....
LET ME JUST SAY, I DIDN'T SAY IT.
IT'S THE VOICE OF MIYUKI'S HEART.
Tehe
... WELL, I LIKE THE BAD MIKAGE, TOO, SO IT'S FINE.

IF YOU LET GO MY HAND,
YOUR SIN WOULD BE BURIED IN DARKNESS FOREVER, YOU KNOW?
THAT'S DANGEROUS...!
MIYUKI ...!
YOU'RE A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

ARE YOU GOING TO SAVE ME?
GIGGLING
YOU'RE SO BORING.
SIGH...
YOU PROMISED ME AT THE START.
Life
DON'T MESS WITH ME.
IF I LISTEN TO WHAT YOU SAY,
YOU WON'T HARM MIYUKI'S BODY.
DID I SAY THAT? I FORGOT.

YOU'RE SO HIGH-HANDED.
kiss
EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE DIRTIED THIS BODY MANY TIMES.
DON'T DO IT GENTLY LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.
IT'S FINE TO DO IT ROUGH SOME-TIMES.
...YUKI.

YOU LIKE MIYUKI, DON'T YOU?
YOU LOVE HER, RIGHT?
SO MUCH THAT YOU WANT TO DESTROY HER...
CRUNCH
FUFU
...MIKAGE.

JUST TRY DOING SOME-THING TO MIYUKI'S BODY.
I HAVE MY OWN IDEAS.
DON'T BE SO CARELESS WITH YOUR CLOTHES.
CAUGHT
.....
THIS BODY...

MIKA-GE.
GOOD NIGHT!
IT'S BORING SO I'LL JUST GO TO SLEEP.
.....?
GIGGLING
IT SEEMS THAT MIYUKI'S HEART IS CLOSE TO BREAKING AGAIN.
GIGGLING
.....
thumping
thumping

THE DIARY ...!
IT'S HERE ...
I...
WHEN DID I GO TO BED ..
.....
SHOCK
knock knock
MIYUKI-SAMA.
GOOD MORN-ING.
DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
G-... GOOD MORN-ING, MIKAGE ...
CLOTH
RUSTLE

What should I do?
I can't look at Mikage directly.
It's not like I can just ask him
if he did anything to Father...!
LET'S HAVE BREAKFAST HERE TODAY.
THE CHEF AND I THOUGHT OF A MENU THAT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.
And I HELPED MAKE THIS.
EH ...

.....
IS YOUR HEAD ACHING AGAIN?
AND FOR THE ORANGE JUICE AND SALAD, WE USED INGREDIENTS WE PICKED THIS MORNING.
THE PRUNE YOGURT IS TO PREVENT ANEMIA
THIS BREAD HAS SESAME SEEDS TO HELP YOU CONCENTRATE BETTER.
.....
NO.
THANK YOU, MIKAGE.
I'm swayed by my dreams
and I've started to forget the important things.
LET'S EAT TOGETHER?
I'm a fool
The Mikage that I see is real

I'm sure
that the "man" in the diary is someone else.
And the dream I had yesterday is not a bad dream.
I have to trust in Mikage...
...HAVE YOU SEEN THE REPORT, SENSEI?
YES. "YUKI"'S TIME IS SLOWLY INCREASING.
ADMINISTERING MORE OF THE DRUGS IS TAKING ITS TOLL ON MIYUKI-SAN.
"YUKI"'S PERSONALITY IS DANGEROUS.
touch

I'M NOT GOING TO LET HER STAND IN THE WAY.
GRIP
NO MATTER WHAT METHODS I HAVE TO USE—...

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